GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:416
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ALLOCATION OF COAL MINES TO STATE COAL BOARDS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate a scheme to provide coal mines to the Coal Boards of the States keeping in view the shortage ofcoalinthe Thermal Power Stations of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States where the said scheme is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 416 ASKED BY SHRI THAWARCHAND GEHLOT REGARDING ALLOCATION OF COAL MINES TO STATE COAL BOARDS

(a) to (c) : The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, inter-alia, allows mining of coal by Government companies. It also allows captive mining of coal for power generation. Accordingly, coal blocks are provided to State Government Undertakings and Companies including those engaged in generation of power.

Coal blocks have already been allocated to the following State Government entities engaged in generation of power:

Sl. No.	Name	State
1.	West Bengal Power Development Corporation	West Bengal
2.	West Bengal State Electricity Board	West Bengal
3.	Punjab State Electricity Board	Punjab
4.	Karnataka Power Corporation Limited	Karnataka
5.	Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited	Jharkhand
6.	Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board	Chhattisgarh

In addition, coal blocks have also been given to the Central Government Public Sector Undertakings such as the National Thermal Power Corporation, the Damodar Valley Corporation and the National Aluminium Company Limited for power generation.